

## Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

## § 57.720

regulations have not been complied with.

### IDENTIFYING AND MARKING PRODUCT

#### § 57.410 Shell eggs required to be labeled.

All shell eggs packed into containers destined for the ultimate consumer shall be labeled to indicate that refrigeration is required, e.g., "Keep Refrigerated," or words of similar meaning.

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### RETENTION

#### § 57.426 Retention.

Retention tags or other devices and methods as may be approved by the Administrator shall be used for the identification and control of products which are not in compliance with the regulations or are held for further examination, and any equipment, utensils, rooms or compartments which are found to be unclean or otherwise in violation of the regulations. No product, equipment, utensil, room, or compartment shall be released for use until it has been made acceptable. Such identification shall not be removed by anyone other than an inspector.

### PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS

#### § 57.504 General operating procedures.

(a)-(b) [Reserved]

(c) All loss and inedible eggs or egg products shall be placed in a container clearly labeled "inedible" and containing a sufficient amount of approved denaturant or decharacterant, such as FD&C brown, blue, black, or green colors, meat and fish by-products, grain and milling by-products, or any other substance, as approved by the Administrator, that will accomplish the purposes of this section. Shell eggs shall be crushed and the substance shall be dispersed through the product in amounts sufficient to give the product a distinctive appearance or odor.

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### REGISTRATION OF SHELL EGG HANDLERS

#### § 57.690 Persons required to register.

Shell egg handlers, except for producer-packers with an annual egg pro-

duction from a flock of 3,000 hens or less, who grade and pack eggs for the ultimate consumer, and hatcheries are required to register with the U.S. Department of Agriculture by furnishing their name, place of business, and such other information as is requested on forms provided by or available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Completed forms shall be sent to the addressee indicated on the form. Persons as those listed above who are establishing a business will be required to register before they start operations.

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### INSPECTION AND DISPOSITION OF RESTRICTED EGGS

#### § 57.700 Prohibition on disposition of restricted eggs.

(a) No person shall buy, sell, or transport, or offer to buy or sell, or offer or receive for transportation in any business in commerce any restricted eggs, except as authorized in §§ 57.100 and 57.720.

(b) No egg handler shall possess any restricted eggs, except as authorized in §§ 57.100 and 57.720.

(c) No egg handler shall use any restricted eggs in the preparation of human food, except as provided in §§ 57.100 and 57.720.

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#### § 57.720 Disposition of restricted eggs.

(a) Eggs classified as checks, dirties, incubator rejects, inedibles, leakers, or loss shall be disposed of by one of the following methods at point and time of segregation:

(1) Checks and dirties shall be labeled in accordance with § 57.800 and shipped directly or indirectly to an official egg products plant for segregation and processing. Inedible and loss eggs shall not be intermingled in the same container with checks and dirties.

(2) By destruction in a manner approved by the Administrator, such as